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petent, target cell-specific adenovirus vectors by modification of the E1A gene product. The target cell-specific replication-competent
adenovirus vectors comprise a chimera of an adenovirus gene essential for replication, preferably an early gene, and the Androgen
receptor (or a portion thereof) under the transcriptional control of a cell type-specific transcriptional regulatory element (TRE). By
providing for cell type-specific transcription through the use of one or more cell type-specific TREs, the adenovirus vectors effect
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